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Ans. It is a false statement because our society makes clear distinctions between boys and girls and this begins from a very young age. For example, boys are usually given cars to play with and girls are given dolls. Girls are taught to talk softly and boys are taught to be tough.

c. Women who stay at home do not work.

Ans. It is a false statement because in fact, what we commonly term as housework actually involves many different tasks such as washing clothes, cooking, lifting, cleaning, sweeping etc. A number of these tasks require heavy physical work.

d. The work that women do is less valued than that of men.

Ans. It is a true statement because the work that women do within the home is not recognised as work. It is also assumed that this is something that comes naturally to women. It, therefore, does not have to be paid for. And society devalues this work.